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NOTES

USSR: Moscow seems to have decided to handle the Kurile plane incident quietly. No publicity has been given the affair, and the formal note of protest given Ambassador Thompson yesterday was brief and factual. In handing the note to Thompson, Deputy Foreign Minister Kuznetsov added the personal comment that the USSR "did not wish to do anything to worsen our relations." The official in charge of the US section of the Soviet Foreign Ministry told Thompson that it was "most important" to have a quick reply. Thompson's impression is that Moscow expects a formal apology. 1

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